

**Remarks**

Claims 1-3 and 14-17 have been newly canceled, and Claims 18-20, 22 and 38-39 have been amended without prejudice to the deleted subject matter. Claims 4-13 and 23-34 were canceled previously. Thus, claims 18-22 and 35-40 are pending in the application and stand ready for action on the merits.

None of the present amendments introduces any new matter into the application, and entry thereof is respectfully requested. With the claim cancellations and amendments, it is understood that the limitation of five "independent" claims has been met. Authorization to charge any requisite fees for this amendment and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account Number 05-0840 is included in the transmittal documents for this application.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned concerning any item which will expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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